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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

MUR 5652

The Carthage Partners, L.C.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT #2

SENSITIVE

I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED:

1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with The Carthage Partners, L.C.
2. Close the file as to The Carthage Partners, L.C.

II. DISCUSSION

Attached is a conciliation agreement which has been signed by William G. Anderson, manager of The Carthage Partners, L.C. Attachment 1. During the April 5, 2005 Executive Session, the Commission found reason to believe that The Carthage Partners, L.C. violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) by making \$9,000 in contributions to Terrell for Senate that exceeded the contribution limits in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission authorized this Office to enter into conciliation with The Carthage Partners, L.C. prior to a finding of probable cause to believe and approved a conciliation agreement, which

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[REDACTED] A \$4,500 check in full payment of the civil penalty was submitted with the signed agreement.¹ Attachment 2.

¹ The attached copy of the civil penalty check appears to have the word "void" stamped on it. Staff spoke to the Federal Election Commission's accounting office, who explained that the original check they received did not have "void" stamped on it, but in the copying process "void" appeared in the background, which is not uncommon. The check was deposited on June 7, 2005 and has not been returned by the bank.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with The Carthage Partners, L.C.
2. Close the file as to The Carthage Partners, L.C.
3. Approve the appropriate letter.

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Attachments

1. Conciliation Agreement
2. Civil penalty check